

## W. C. T. U. COLUMN.



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### OUR PRINCIPLES.

Total abstinence, Prohibition of the liquor traffic, One standard of morals for men and women. The education of public sentiment for right.

### RED LETTER DAY.

July 4—Independence Day. Birthday of Mrs. Mary H. Hunt.

One of the important subjects considered by the great convention of the American Medical Association which met in Chicago the first week in June was the creation of a federal health department or division. The duties of such a department, would include the control of epidemics, and the fight against tuberculosis.

Another subject of discussion which is of especial interest to white ribboners was the status proprietary medicines and nostrums.

Repeated commendation was expressed for the work of scientific temperance instruction in the schools, inaugurated and supported by the W. C. T. U.

Advanced ground was taken on the matters of drug prescription the elimination of the liquor truths, and the civic duty of the physician.

Dr. C. H. Hughes of St. Louis said in part, the alcohol is no longer a question of sentiment, it is a question of science, and science has shown us that alcohol is a poison. We have come back to the old truth that has come down to us, that "wine is a mocker", that alcohol is not safe as a beverage.

He said physicians must be the enlighteners of the people, must be the exemplars.

Dr. J. H. Kellogg, of Battle Creek, Michigan, said if medical men would take hold of this question earnestly we would abolish the use of alcohol from our practice.

Much was said which met with great applause from white ribboners.

Thus the subject of medical temperance was brought to the attention of a great body of physicians throughout the country.

### YOU ARE THE JURY.

Mrs. Mary Harris Armor, the brilliant southern orator, has been stirring staid Philadelphia with her philippics against the liquor traffic, the daily press of that city giving her as much space as they would a visiting president or world known diplomat. In one of her brilliant addresses she said: "The liquor traffic is now on trial for its life and you are the jury. You must return a just verdict or answer for the wrong at the

bar of judgment. If your children are crying for bread now, it is because the bread money has been spent for liquor. I never heard of a Prohibition City where thousands marched on the city hall demanding food and employment. Let us march on the brewers instead of on the mayor."

### Bryan and Mystery Of God.

Here is a mystery, according to Mr. Bryan. He says: "I am not so much of a farmer as some people claim, but I have observed the watermelon seed. It has the power of drawing from the ground and through itself 200,000 times its weight and when you can tell me how it takes this material and out of its color forms an outside surface beyond the imitation of art, and then forms in it a white rind and within that again a side of red heart, thickly inlaid with black seeds, each one of which in turn is capable of drawing through itself 200,000 times its weight—when you can explain to me the mystery of a watermelon, you can ask me to explain the mystery of God."—Excelsior.

### The Davis-Craig Nuptials

Harry Craig, of Bowling Green, Ky., and Miss Vivian Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Union J. Davis, were married yesterday at 12:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents in the eastern part of the city. The only attendants were a brother of the groom and Miss Jewel Gupton, cousin of the bride. Miss Eula Bowles played the wedding march and Rev. A. J. Thames performed the ceremony. After the marriage a dinner was given to the couple and guests, which were only the relatives and few intimate friends. They departed on the 3 o'clock train for their future home in Bowling Green. Prof. Craig will teach next year in the Bowling Green, (Ky.) college.—Hannibal Journal.

Miss Davis was raised near Warren and was well and favorably known in this city.

B. H. McAllister, formerly of this city, who now lives in Ralis county is a candidate for Judge of the Eastern district of that county on the Democratic ticket. Ben is one of the best men that ever lived in Hunnewell, and if elected will make an official that the county will be proud of.—Graphic.

Judge Cleland's idea, that that man who is responsible for a child's coming into the world should be made to support the child, has the right ring to it. Put him to work breaking stone and let the city support the child from his labor, if necessary.—Quincy Herald.

The Moberly Monitor tells this story. On election day Ed Bassett, a former Monroe countian, was standing on the street corner watching the parade, when he was approached by a tall and angular woman from Salisbury, who, seeing the wet badge on his coat, said: "You're a nice looking old sinner. If I was your wife I'd give you poison." "Madam," quickly replied Mr. Bassett, "if you were my wife I'd certainly take it."

Mrs. Daniel Phillips, of near Philadelphia, was with friends in this city Friday.

Mrs. Ella Eddie and Miss Elva Clark left Sunday for Mexico to attend the Clark-Schrenk nuptials.

### Whitcotton at Sedalia.

The Anti-Saloon League in state convention at Sedalia, is trying to concentrate on either Whitcotton, Evans or Wallace for governor. A dispatch in Wednesday's Republic says:

Mr. Whitcotton made a sensational speech to the convention, in which he charged that the public utilities bill was defeated by the last General Assembly through corruption, and that the next State Senate would throttle all anti-liquor legislation, because it was too late to prevent the election of the men of both parties, enough of whom had been agreed upon by the lobby to control the situation. He wound up by saying that every lobbyist he has known in his 12 years as a member of the legislature, except two, was pledged to one candidate for governor.

"Name him!" shouted one of the delegates.

"Just walk around the streets and ask and you will learn," he answered.—Paris Appeal.

The above is on par with the insult to all Democrats of Missouri, when he left his chair as speaker of the house shaking his fist and saying: Hemp ought to be used on this floor.

If he knew these things, then as a good citizen he should prove them and punish the guilty. If he knows those things to be true and makes no effort to bring the guilty to justice, then as a lawyer he knows himself to be equally guilty.

It is better than going to a circus to watch the gyrations of the Republican newspapers and politicians in "poor old Missouri." They are telling the people how they are going to carry the state next November, and Senator Warner has been telling in congress that Missouri was, politically, "debatably ground." In the face of all this, Chairman Dickey, of the Republican state committee, is advertising in the Kansas City newspapers for two young Republican lawyers to run for prosecuting attorney in Saline and Shelby counties. In order to help Mr. Dickey out of such a ludicrous position, we want to advise him that they have "quit making Republican lawyers in Missouri." The stock has depreciated to such an extent that there is not much left but the "niggers" in Kansas City. All young lawyers in Missouri are Democrats.—Milan Standard.

### Coincidence in Births.

Here is the tale of a most remarkable coincidence as told by Biddeford (Me.) papers: Ben Coolbirth, of North Saco has two sons and two daughters, all married and all living in Massachusetts. In one mail last week he received four letters, one from each of his four children, and in each of the four was the announcement of the arrival of a daughter in the family on Monday.

The friends of Miss Beatrice Elliott will be exceedingly sorry to learn that she was brought home from Quincy, where she was attending school, suffering with inflammatory rheumatism.

Allie and Will Hampton, of Truly, Texas arrived Friday morning, being called here by the serious illness of their father, Samuel Hampton. They lost a day's time and went 400 miles out of their way on account of the Texas floods.

## A DEMOCRATIC CONTEST.

The Kansas City Star, which is for General Hadley for Governor and for Taft for President, wants Democrats of Missouri to nominate Colonel Dave Ball for Governor.

Certainly. The Star does not want Cowherd to head the Democratic ticket for two excellent reasons. First, because Cowherd is admitted the strongest man to lead the Democratic fight in this important campaign. Secondly, because Cowherd took an active part in electing Crittenden and the defeat of the Republican city ticket in Kansas City last year.

Of course the Star is against Cowherd and of course the Star does not want Missouri democrats to nominate their strongest man. But the Star will find before this campaign is over that Missouri Democrats are able to manage their own affairs and that they will not make their party nominations to please their political enemies—Jefferson City Tribune.

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Mrs. W. D. Bannister and babe and Mrs. Mary Foster, of Cairo, Ill., arrived Thursday to visit their friend, Miss Virginia Bell and Mrs. Bannister's father-in-law, Woodford Bannister.

F. N. Armstrong, of Thornton, Indiana, has been in the city looking after his real estate interests some 6 miles north of the city. He is a pleasant gentleman to meet.